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Dear Jim:

I have read your "Analysis of the Intelligence Needs of Psychological Operations Together with an Indication of How They Should be Met".

By subtle analysis and hidden allegory you dispose of one impractical means after another of researching and producing psychological intelligence and by process of elimination there remains only good old CIA. The reader is left in no doubt whatsoever that the elusive stuff - if it is to be captured at all - is to be run down in a PW division of CIA (like O/SI for scientific). I'm glad you have at last come to my point of view. Or have I misinterpreted your allegory?

I particularly liked the imagery of the Psychological Warrior grown long-whiskered in the search for Enlightenment in the bewildering forest of BIG TIME RELUCTANT PRODUCERS as he arrived at Paragraph C-6. There he encounters O/IC, who kindly administers oral restoratives, pats him on the back and points the way into a dense growth known locally as the FOREST OF RELUCTANT PARTIAL PRODUCERS.

Also, I liked the Lewis Carroll touch in paragraph B-3 whereby the psychological reactions of human beings, which elsewhere conveniently lent themselves to treatment by departmental intelligence agencies, under the stimulus of atomic fission became reactions worthy of analysis in a national estimate.

No kidding, Jim! For sheer tracery the paper is unexcelled - government gossamer at its best.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, likely "John McLaughlin", is written over a rectangular box.

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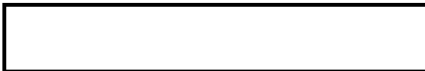
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